

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 25, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 Safety Certification Process - Stakeholder Comments and Supplemental Guidance

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) § 8389(f)(2), electrical corporations seeking a subsequent safety certification to the initial safety certification issued pursuant to Pub. Util. Code §8389(f)(1) must submit a request to the Wildfire Safety Division prior to expiration of the initial safety certification. The Wildfire Safety Division issued an initial guidance letter dated May 6, 2020, outlining submission requirements for 2020 Safety Certification requests pursuant to Pub. Util. Code §8389(f)(2).

By this letter, the Wildfire Safety Division solicits stakeholder input on 2020 Safety Certification requests and provides supplemental guidance on the meaning of an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 8389(e)(1).

Solicitation of Stakeholder Comments

Stakeholders are invited to submit comments on 2020 Safety Certification requests. 2020 Safety Certification requests are published at www.cpuc.ca.gov/wildfires.

Stakeholder comments shall not exceed 15 pages and are due within 14 days of submission of a utility's request for a 2020 Safety Certification or issuance of this letter, whichever is later, to the following email address: wildfiresafetydivision@cpuc.ca.gov. Comments must also be served on the service list to Rulemaking (R.) 18-10-007 pursuant to the direction in Resolution WSD-001.

Electrical Corporations may submit reply comments, which shall not exceed 5 pages, within 7 days from the due date for stakeholder comments to the following email address: wildfiresafetydivision@cpuc.ca.gov. Reply comments must also be served on the service list to R.18-10-007.

Supplemental Guidance on Requests for Safety Certifications

In the May 6, 2020 letter, the Wildfire Safety Division provided guidance in anticipation of requests for safety certifications. Additional to point 2 in the May 6, 2020 letter, the Wildfire Safety Division provides the following supplemental guidance regarding documentation to satisfy the requirement of § 8389 (e)(1):

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2.b. Commission ratification of the Wildfire Safety Division's approval of an electrical corporation's 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plan, subject to the conditions specified in Appendix A of the ratifying resolution, constitutes documentation of an approved WMP pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 8389(e)(1).

Further Questions

For questions regarding the guidance provided in this letter, please contact Melissa Semcer, Program Manager in the Wildfire Safety Division, at melissa.semcer@cpuc.ca.gov, with a copy to wildfiresafetydivision@cpuc.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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